

TOWN OF AMENIA
Regular Board Meeting
Thursday, June 19, 2008
Amenia Town Hall

Supervisor Euvrard called Regular Town Board Meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

Salute to the flag was conducted.

Moment of Silence for Hugh O’Handley, who passed away. Mr. O’Handley served on Zoning Board and Town Board.

Emergency Exits at right of town board meeting table and at rear of meeting room.

PRESENT:	Councilman Pelkey	Aye
	Councilman Cayea	Aye
	Councilwoman Doyle	Aye
	Councilwoman Perotti	Aye
	Supervisor Euvrard	Aye

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Bill Carroll stated that Amenia taxpayers were billed \$200,000 in 2007 for Amenia sidewalk project that has not been completed. Supervisor Euvrard confirmed as true, based on his review of 2007 budget.

Darlene Reimer stated that Wastewater Committee is focusing on downtown hamlet development, and is recommending Option #1 of the Dodson Hamlet Plan.

Bob Reimer commended the Planning Board on their clear description of the Dodson Amenia Hamlet Option Plans at a recent meeting.

Dawn Klingner stated that former Ames Dept store was convenient for everyday necessities. The Town of Amenia needs to re-develop similar affordable stores to our area.

Arlene Iuliano, representing the Historical Society, submitted a letter on behalf of Bill Burke, addressing the mowing at the Old Amenia Burying Grounds on Mygatt Road. Grass is being mowed two times per year, and Mr. Burke is requesting more frequent mowing as site is known for Historical and Geneology studies. Supervisor Euvrard will contact ATL, (Town of Amenia lawn mowing contractor) to discuss.

Betty Rooney stated that in the 1970’s, the Town of Amenia had department stores, drug stores, farms, shoe stores, barber shop, movie theatre, and more. When Ames Department was developed, stores became vacant and out of business. Ms. Rooney recommends Option #1 of hamlet plan.

Lou Cesa recommended Option #1 Hamlet Plan. He requested that Councilwoman Perotti and Supervisor Euvrard consider recusing themselves with any vote under the development of the hamlet on the north side of Rte 22, as they are commercial and/or residential property owners.

Elizabeth Whaley stated that sewer system should be priority to revitalize the hamlet.

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Ms. Whaley submitted **resignation** as member of **Housing Committee**, citing that CAC committee requires many hours of her time.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Town Clerk – Maureen Bonds

Has volunteered her services to Northeast Community Center as emergency driver for TAP van.

Town of Amenia 2007 Property Tax final settlement will be paid to Dutchess County Department of Finance within the next two weeks.

Jane Callahan has been interviewed and hired to oversee for Town Clerks bank accounts for remainder of 2008.

Building Department/Zoning Department

Supervisor Euvrard submitted report on behalf of Mike Segelken, Building Inspector.

Recreation Department

Peter Clair named and thanked all volunteers and coaches that assist the children annually with the baseball league programs. Referred to website www.ameniany.gov to view schedules for upcoming recreation programs.

National Metering Services - Update

John Lazarony, Engineer of Morris Associates, advised that some locations will require plumbing revisions for meter installation. Contingency monies in the contract for additional work is \$5,000. Mr. Lazarony recommended that procedures be established by town board for any additional costs and notification should be made to parcel owner.

MOTION by Supervisor Euvrard, SECONDED by Councilman Cayea, to limit expense in the amount of \$100 for additional work at locations.

ROLL:	Councilman Pelkey	Aye
	Councilwoman Perotti	Aye
	Councilman Cayea	Aye
	Councilwoman Doyle	Aye
	Supervisor Euvrard	Aye

MOTION CARRIED

Grants Update – Mike Hagerty

Recommends that Mechanic Street sidewalk project be extended.

Community Foundation has authorized monies for Amenia Dance Program.

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RESOLUTION #14 OF 2008

AUTHORIZING SALE OF SURPLUS TRUCK FROM TOWN OF AMENIA WATER DISTRICT #1 TO TOWN HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$11,675.00.

Supervisor Euvrard made the Motion, seconded by Councilwoman Perotti that was

ADOPTED – VOTE

Councilman Pelkey	Aye
Councilwoman Perotti	Aye
Councilman Cayea	Aye
Councilwoman Doyle	Aye
Supervisor Euvrard	Aye

RESOLVED, to authorize the sale of surplus truck from Town of Amenia Water District #1 to Town Highway Department.

RESOLUTION #15 OF 2008

AUTHORIZING THE SUPERVISOR TO APPLY FOR A NEW YORK STATE TRANSPORTATION ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM (TEP) GRANT FOR CONSTRUCTION OF A PROPOSED 1-MILE SPUR FROM THE HARLEM VALLEY RAIL TRAIL AT THE WASSAIC METRO-NORTH STATION INTO THE HAMLET OF WASSAIC.

Councilwoman Doyle made the Motion, seconded by Councilwoman Perotti that was ADOPTED – VOTE

Councilman Pelkey	Aye
Councilwoman Perotti	Aye
Councilman Cayea	Aye
Councilwoman Doyle	Aye
Supervisor Euvrard	Aye

RESOLVED, to authorize the Supervisor to apply for a New York State Transportation Enhancement Program (TEP) for construction of a proposed 1-mile spur from the Harlem Valley Rail Trail at the Wassaic Metro-North Station into the hamlet of Wassaic.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Wastewater

Darlene Reimer – Chair, stated that Morris Associates provided the committee with a hamlet map, divided into seven districts. Committee will present proposed four-district information at the next Town Workshop meeting.

Enhancement

Vicki Doyle thanked M&T Bank for their cooperation and assistance in improvements at Fountain Square.

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MOTION by Supervisor Euvrard, SECONDED by Councilman Pelkey, to APPOINT Councilwoman Perotti as Liason to the Affordable Housing Committee, replacing Councilman Cayea.

ROLL:	Councilman Pelkey	Aye
	Councilman Cayea	Aye
	Councilwoman Doyle	Aye
	Supervisor Euvrard	Aye

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION by Councilwoman Doyle, SECONDED by Councilwoman Perotti, to authorize Curt Johnson of Zarecki & Sons, and Tracy Saladay, to work up cover letter to modify bids for **Mechanic Street Sidewalk** project. Cost for Curt Johnson's time, not to exceed \$500.

ROLL:	Councilman Pelkey	Aye
	Councilwoman Perotti	Aye
	Councilman Cayea	Aye
	Councilwoman Doyle	Aye
	Supervisor Euvrard	NO

MOTION CARRIED

485B Exemptions – Veterans

Michael Hayes to prepare paperwork as it pertains to creating Board and local law.

RESOLUTION #16 OF 2008

THE AMENIA TOWN BOARD HEREBY APPROVES AND ACCEPTS THE PRIVATE ROAD NAME OF VICKYS WAY LOCATED OFF DUTCHESS COUNTY ROUTE 81 AND OLD ROUTE 22.

Supervisor Euvrard made the Motion, seconded by Councilman Cayea that was
ADOPTED – VOTE

Councilwoman Doyle	Aye
Councilwoman Perotti	Aye
Councilman Cayea	Aye
Councilman Pelkey	Aye
Supervisor Euvrard	Aye

RESOLVED, that the Amenia Town Board approve and accept Vickys Way as a private road name.

Subdivision Regulations

Michael Hayes, Town Attorney will meet with Planning Board and report back to Town Board.

Affordable Housing Board

Supervisor Euvrard invited volunteers to submit applications, with letter of intent, to the Town Clerk's office by June 30, 2008.

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MOTION by Councilwoman Doyle, SECONDED by Councilwoman Perotti to authorize the Supervisor to sign document that will be prepared by Michael Hayes, Town Attorney to establish an Affordable Housing Board with assistance from Hudson River Housing, Poughkeepsie, NY.

ROLL:	Councilman Pelkey	Aye
	Councilman Cayea	Aye
	Councilwoman Perotti	Aye
	Councilwoman Doyle	Aye
	Supervisor Euvrard	Aye

MOTION CARRIED

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

Reminder to water district residents to contact National Metering Services to schedule appointment for meter installation.

TOWN BOARD COMMENTS

Councilman Cayea announced community events.

Councilman Pelkey requested that residents direct their concerns about Amenia Parade route change to the Amenia Fire Department. Warren Gordon, President Amenia Fire Department addressed audience concerns and took responsibility for route change, due to prior year's auto accident that impacted Route 22.

Councilwoman Doyle announced that donations are being accepted in memory of Matt Reagon; son of Janet & David Reagon. Donations can be sent to the Town Clerk or Asst to Supv office.

Councilwoman Perotti announced that she fully intends to abstain from voting on any Dodson Hamlet Plan.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Michael Peek is concerned about a foul odor on Old Rte 22, from Allen Sand & Gravel landfill. Source may be toxic or hazardous.

Supervisor Euvrard stated that materials are being received from horse farms in Dutchess County and grass materials from Long Island. Process is legal and DEC is aware.

Gail Hermosilla and Leo Blackman supported the Hamlet Plan Option #1.

Myrnie Hoazl requested that meter installation be monitored to avoid extra costs to residents.

Betty Rooney questioned and was advised by Michael Hayes, Town Attorney, that **Resolution** will be needed to certify that Housing Program is in place, and will be administered.

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MOTION by Supervisor Euvrard, SECONDED by Councilman Cayea, to ADJOURN meeting at 9:50pm, with motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted:

Maureen Bonds
Amenia Town Clerk

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Approved by Town Board: July 10, 2008

